

REMARKS

Claims 8-9, 11-14, 35-36, 38-42, and 44-47 were previously presented. Claims 8, 9, 11-14, 42, and 44-47 are allowed. Claims 35, 36 and 38-41 are rejected on prior art grounds.

Therefore, claims 35, 36, and 38-41 are herein cancelled. It should be noted that the applicants are not conceding in this application that the cancelled claims are not patentable over the cited prior art. Rather the cancellation of such claims is to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 8-9, 11-14, 42 and 44-47, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,

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